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U.S. EPA Region V  
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26 West Martin Luther King Drive (G41)  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45268

October 6, 2009

RE: 4524 WEST MITCHELL AVE, HAMITLON COUNTY, OHIO

Dear Mr. Renninger;

Cincinnati Fire is requesting the U.S. EPA assistance in conducting a time-critical removal action at the former Cincinnati Die Casting Company, located at 4524 W. Mitchell Avenue in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio 45232-1912. This facility was leased and the occupant was using it as an indoor recycler.

On September 30, 2009, USEPA collected solid and liquid samples from the premises. Field screening analysis confirmed the site is contaminated with some arsenic as well as lead. Samples were being sent to the lab for analysis for TPH, PCB's, RCRA Metals, Flash Point, and Total VOC's. of the unknown samples.

The structure integrity of the building has been compromised due to age. The Cincinnati Building Department has condemned the building due the roof integrity, removal of the fire suppression system. All doors except the front have been secured from the interior with a hasp and lock from the interior of the building. Upper windows have been broken out. Access to the premises and its contaminants can be obtained easily.

Duane Herth, District Fire Chief of the Cincinnati Fire Department is the contact for this site and can be reached at (513) 263-8064. He can also be reached by his cell at (513) 368-1385.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duane V. Herth".

Duane V. Herth  
District Fire Chief/Environmental Crimes Unit  
Cincinnati Fire Department

cc: Robert Wright, Fire Chief, Cincinnati Fire Department  
Robert Kuhn, Assistant Fire Chief, Cincinnati Fire Department